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Letter dated 6 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith, in English and in French, the declaration on South Africa which was issued on 4 February 1991 by the European Community and its 12 member States (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 34.

(Signed) Jean FEYDER

ANNEX

Declaration on South Africa issued on 4 February 1991 by the Twelve States members of the European Community

The Community and its member States warmly welcome the announcement made on 1 February 1991 by President de Klerk of further important changes to come in South Africa. These will include the repeal of the "Group Areas Act", of the two "Land Acts", and of the "Population Registration Act", which will thus open the path towards the complete and irreversible abolition of apartheid and the establishment of a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa.

The Community and its member States recall that at its meeting of 14 and 15 December 1990, the European Council decided that as soon as legislative action is taken by the South African Government to repeal the "Group Areas Act" and the "Land Acts", the Community and its member States will proceed to an easing of the set of measures adopted in 1986. In these circumstances, the Community will prepare the necessary steps.

The Community and its member States also welcome the outcome of the meeting of 29 January between Mr. Mandela and Mr. Buthelezi, on behalf, respectively, of the African National Congress of South Africa (ANC) and the Inkatha Party. The agreement between the two parties must now be implemented so as to enable discussion on the future of South Africa to take place in a peaceful atmosphere.